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## Adventure and low cost combine in hitch-hiking

Joy Szymborski

As the holiday season approaches, more and more students are anxious to get home to their families. However, it is sometimes difficult to do this when they have no transportation and no money. So, how do they get around? They rely on the students' favorite form of travel— hitch-hiking.

Hitch-hiking is one of the most popular ways to go anywhere. Several NWMSU students offered comments and shared experiences they have had while hitch-hiking.

Randy Evers has been hitching since he was a sophomore in high school. A senior at NWMSU, Evers stated that it "sounded interesting" and so he thought he would try it. Most of the time, he finds the people friendly and outgoing, and has had only a couple of bad times. However, one suspicious driver went 150 miles out of his way to take Evers to his destination.

Bill Fuenfhausen, a junior, has been using his thumb since his senior year in high school. He said that he had a car, but decided to hitch to a rock concert "for fun." He said that although other people have shared stories of sex perverts and drug addicts, he has never had any of these problems himself. One of his most unusual experiences is when he was hitching from Phoenix to San Diego, and was picked up by a group of Hare Krishna. Fuenfhausen said "They took me to their place, and introduced me to the incense, chants and rubbing beads."

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Tim Humlicek, another NWMSU junior, is impressed with how friendly and helpful people are. One experience that stands out for him is the time he needed to get to a small town in Iowa for his grandfather's funeral. He was hitch-hiking at night, when a police officer stopped him. When Humlicek told him of his predicament, the police officer radioed to a truck driver who took him part of the way. Desperate to get to the funeral on time, Humlicek frantically waved down the next car he saw, and finally arrived at the funeral.

Guys are not the only ones who use hitching as a mode of travel. Becky Gifford, an ex-NWMSU student, started hitching as a college freshman. She tells of the times when she would start out at six o'clock on Sunday morning to hitch to a church in Kansas City, and then would hitch back to Maryville in the afternoon. She said the only bad time she's experienced is when a man tried to get too friendly. But, she says "I prayed, and suddenly a change came over him. He apologized and took me directly to where I wanted to go."



Hitch-hiking is illegal in many states and on all interstate highways. People should be aware of the laws in the particular states they're hitching in.

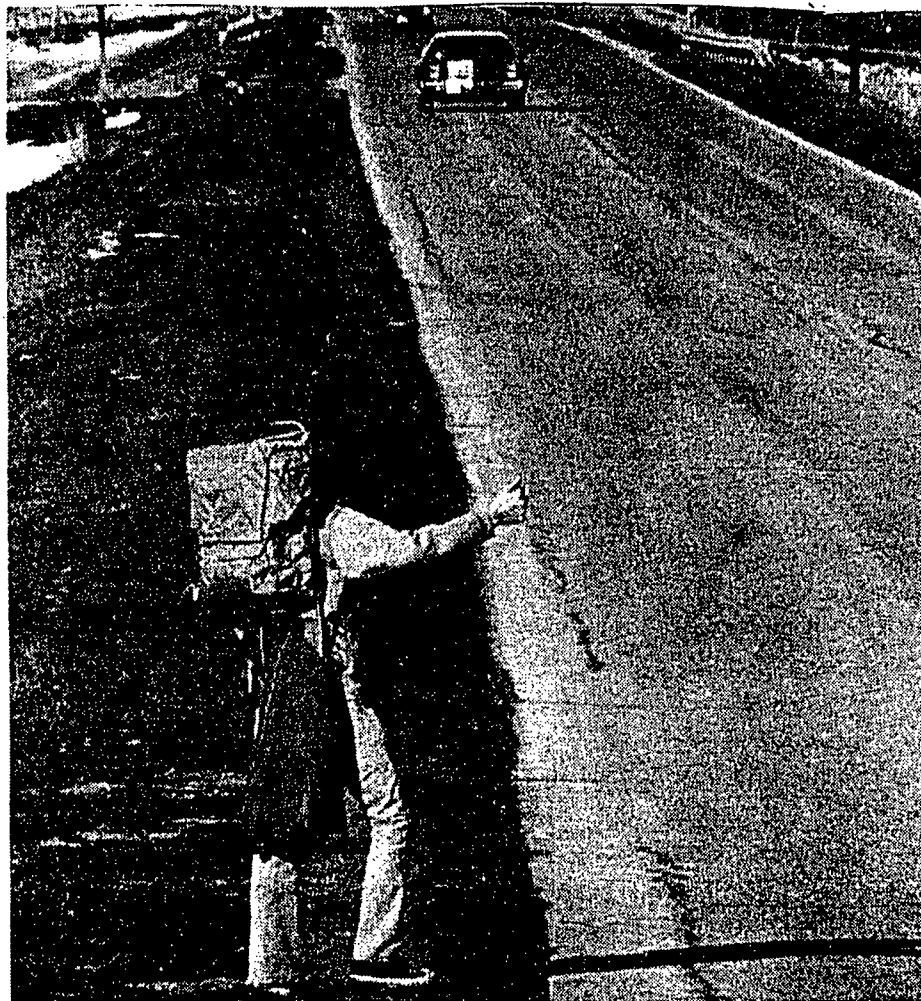


Photo by Vic Gutteridge

Hitch-hiking is a cheap and exciting way of travelling, but it can also be dangerous. Many NWMSU students resort to hitch-hiking as a method of getting home on weekends.

All of these students offered some suggestions for obtaining rides. Evers said that "a sign is a 90 percent quick pick'up. If they know where you're going, you'll have no problem." He suggested that large highways are the best places to get rides, rather than back roads.

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Fuenfhausen and Humlicek both stated that the success of the hitch-hiker depends on his attitude. According to Fuenfhausen, "If you look like you're desperate, or if you look interesting, you'll probably get a ride." Humlicek agreed, stating "you've got to look friendly, and like you're enjoying yourself."

Webb added that one thing she learned is that "you don't stand on top of a hill. The cars just go speeding by!"

Although it comes in handy when there's no other way to travel, it seems that many students hitch just for the adventure. All of these students enjoyed their experiences, and would not hesitate to use their thumbs if they had to. One reason for hitching's popularity is offered by Humlicek: "It is a fascinating way to see the country and to meet different people. If you enjoy the outdoors and go with a friend, it's like a sport."

**It is easier for girls to get rides than guys, but they shouldn't hitch alone.**

Not all students are experts at thumbing it. Junior Kathy Webb just enjoyed her first bout with hitch-hiking about three weeks ago. She decided to do it "once for fun," so she hitched to her home in Creston, Ia. She enjoyed it, and said that she would do it again if she had to, but "not if I had the money or another form of transportation."

All of the students agree that it is easier for girls to get rides than guys, but they also agree that it is not really safe for girls to hitch, unless they are with a companion. They all find that it is younger or middle aged men who are most likely to pick up hitchhikers, rather than older people or women.

# —BEARFACTS—

Recent recommendations are that all persons 18-24 years old be given two swine flu immunizations four weeks apart.

A clinic will be held at the County Courthouse Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. People under 21 need parental consent only for the first of their two shots. Further information may be obtained at the Student Health Service.

The University Residence Halls will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 22, for the end of the semester.

Any student that cannot be out of the halls by that time or needs to make special arrangements, should contact their area coordinator. The last meal of the semester will be the noon meal on Dec. 22. Students holding meal contracts who wish to eat the evening meal on Dec. 22, should make arrangements with the director of food services no later than 1 p.m. on that date.

The halls will reopen at 1 p.m. on Jan. 9 for the second semester. The first meal of the second semester will be breakfast on Jan. 11.

Veterans using GI bill benefits received a raise of eight per cent on their November checks.

The new Veterans Education and Employment Assistance Act of 1976 gave veterans the benefit rate increase effective Oct. 1, and also increased entitlement to education benefits from 36 months to 45 months for veterans who served over 18 continuous months of active duty. It did not, however, alter the requirement that education benefits be used within ten years of a veterans release from active duty.

The NWMSU Studies, a publication of in-depth student and faculty papers, is looking for new material to publish.

The editorial board of Studies asks that the papers be at least 25 pages long, but shorter ones will be considered. For further information, contact Mary Ellen Goad in the English department.

Anyone desiring to host an international student or knowing anyone who desires to do so over Christmas break should contact Richard Landes at Garret-Strong, extension 269.

All wildlife ecology and conservation majors interested in applying for the Mark B. Robbins Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Scholarship of \$100 should contact Dr. David Easterla of the biology department at 211 Garrett-Strong by Dec. 22.

Textbooks are due before Christmas break, and there is a fine of \$1 per day for the first 10 days that the books are overdue. They should be returned to the textbooks room of the Wells Library.

All girls interested in signing up for informal rush next semester may do so in the Student Activities Office in the Student Union.

The Newman House, University Catholic Center, is hosting a Christmas party Dec. 14.

The party will start at the house (across from University entrance) at 7 p.m. with caroling to a nursing home and the hospital. The group will then come back to the house for refreshments and to decorate a tree to be given to a needy family. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The organization will also sponsor a Wild Game Dinner Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Rabbit and squirrel hunted by several students will be served. For reservations Call Father Jones at 582-7373.

A communal Penance Service for Advent will be held at the Newman House Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and individual confessions will be heard Dec. 18 from 2-4 p.m.

Ellen Kisker has been selected the November Co-ed for Embers.

She is a member of Sigma Society, MSTA, FCA and Samothrace. Kisker has been a Resident Assistant in Franken for two years. She is majoring in office administration and is presently student teaching in Weston, Mo. Embr co-eds are not members of the organization. They are selected on the basis of grades, involvement, and leadership on campus.

A presidential candidate for NWMSU, Dr. Galen Greenhill from Whitewater, Wis., will be on campus this Friday. He is the first of several candidates who will meet in each building with students and faculty to answer questions. His schedule will be: 9:15—Administration building, room 207; 10:15—Garrett-Strong, room 124; 11—Horace Mann lounge area; 1:30—Fine Arts lounge; 2:30—Colden Hall, room 228; 3:30—Martindale Gym lounge. Dr. Greenhill is currently a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, having had administrative responsibilities for 14 years.

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"Most people think it is painful, but if they would do it just one time and find out that it wouldn't hurt, they wouldn't mind."

This comment is a reaction of a blood donor after the bleed-in which was held Dec. 7 in the ballroom of the Student Union. The bleed-in was coordinated through the Nodaway County blood bank.

The bleed-in was scheduled to meet a two and one-half percent quota, which gives the student body unlimited blood needs and includes husbands, wives, and children of full-time students. Meeting the quota was very important. Faculty members are not covered by student blood donations, so they participate with other community residents, according to Johnnie Imes, who helped coordinate the drive. The campus will be covered for a full year from now until next December. Only one year did NWMSU use more blood through accidents and other needs than was donated. The blood is available to any hospital in the United States through a "Bloodbank Clearinghouse" that transfers blood credit.

The minimum age for giving blood is 18. All donors were to have eaten a light meal between two to four hours before the donation to give them more strength.

Another reaction to giving blood was, "Everyone should try to do it once

because you're helping when you give blood."

The same student also feels in better shape after generating new blood and giving the body something it might be missing. There is no pain involved.

A student who hadn't given blood said, "I have had a history of allergies, and though they may be cured, I just haven't taken the time to do anything about it."

Another student donor reported, "I enjoy it. I think it's for a good cause." He said he felt the needle when it went in but it didn't bother or hurt. He was surprised by the amount of blood in the bag—one pint looked like quite a bit. He added, "If people don't give blood, there won't be any blood to be had in emergencies."



Photo by Jerry Benson

The annual bleed-in sponsored by Student Senate was held on the NWMSU campus on Dec. 7. A quota was set up for the program and meeting this quota would entitle all NWMSU student free blood when needed.

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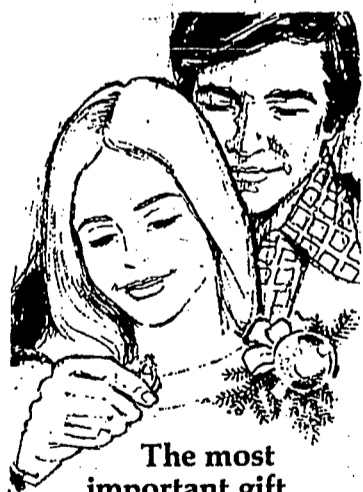
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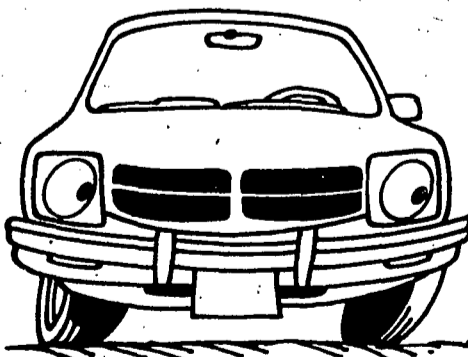
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From left to right: Chevette Coupe and typical rabbit.

**Chevrolet**

# Student experiences joys of backpacking

Joy Wade

Breaking camp at sunrise, the trio of girls rolled their sleeping bags, packed their cooking utensils and began walking along the winding, climbing mountain stream. Shifting a gun and their knives for comfort, they occasionally paused to drink from the rippling water as they disappeared further into bear country.

No, this isn't the typical hunter's tale, or an effort to introduce women's lib to the wilderness. This was an anticipated day in the life of backpacking enthusiasts, which included Barb Rinehart, a junior at NWMSU and a native of St. Joseph, Mo.

Responding to her love of mountains and wilderness, last summer Barb joined her sister and a friend for a backpacking excursion into a mountainous region of Wyoming bordering Yellowstone Park. Few backpackers continued halfway beyond the 40 mile trail since it entered bear country and protection — such as a gun — was needed.

Being a novice to backpacking, Barb quickly learned the advantages of traveling without access to modern conveniences. "The whole idea of backpacking is to get into nature and away from the conveniences of civilization," she explained. "You feel completely self-reliant. You go days without seeing telephone poles or buildings." Sighing at the memory, she added, "You don't realize how little you are out of nature in everyday living."

Barb also quickly discovered the necessities of backpacking and she stressed the importance of buying a good pair of hiking boots well in advance of the trip. "I made the mistake of buying mine just about a week before we left," Barb remembered, ruefully rubbing her now well-worn boots. "It's also important to get the boots large enough, because in the winter you'll want to wear at least one pair of woolen socks over the usual cotton pair."

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Clothing should be loose and comfortable, she emphasized, and one should pack light. "When you want, you can wash the clothes out in a stream," she explained. "If you're backpacking in the winter, or during cool summer nights, you just add as many layers as you need to keep warm."

Being supplied with the essential comfortable boots and clothing doesn't mean that a person can hitchhike out of Maryville for a weekend and enjoy true backpacking in the rolling hills of Missouri, however. In addition to the ever important climate, fine details involving food, water and even the backpack itself must be considered.

"The climate in Missouri really isn't too good for backpacking," Barb insisted. "You never know if it's going to rain, so you have to carry a canvas or tent. Besides, you'd be eaten alive by insects. That's why it's so ideal to backpack out west."

In response to the usual exclamation of, "But I can't afford to go out west just to backpack!", Barb calmly explained that bus fare is the only major expense, since backpackers aren't concerned with hotel bills and they keep a ready supply of food.

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Buying food for a backpacking trip requires forethought, since it must be lightweight, nutritious and filling. "Take powdered foods," Barb advised, "as milk; and light, high-energy foods as tuna, cheese, macaroni and cheese and eggs. Don't take most canned foods because they're too heavy."

Water is the most important item to have in stock, which posed no problem to Barb and her friends since they followed a clear stream. "Otherwise," she said, cont. to page 12



Photo by Jerry Benson

Barb Rinehart, an NWMSU sophomore, enjoyed getting back to nature last summer, when she spent the vacation from school backpacking in Wyoming, near Yellowstone National Park.

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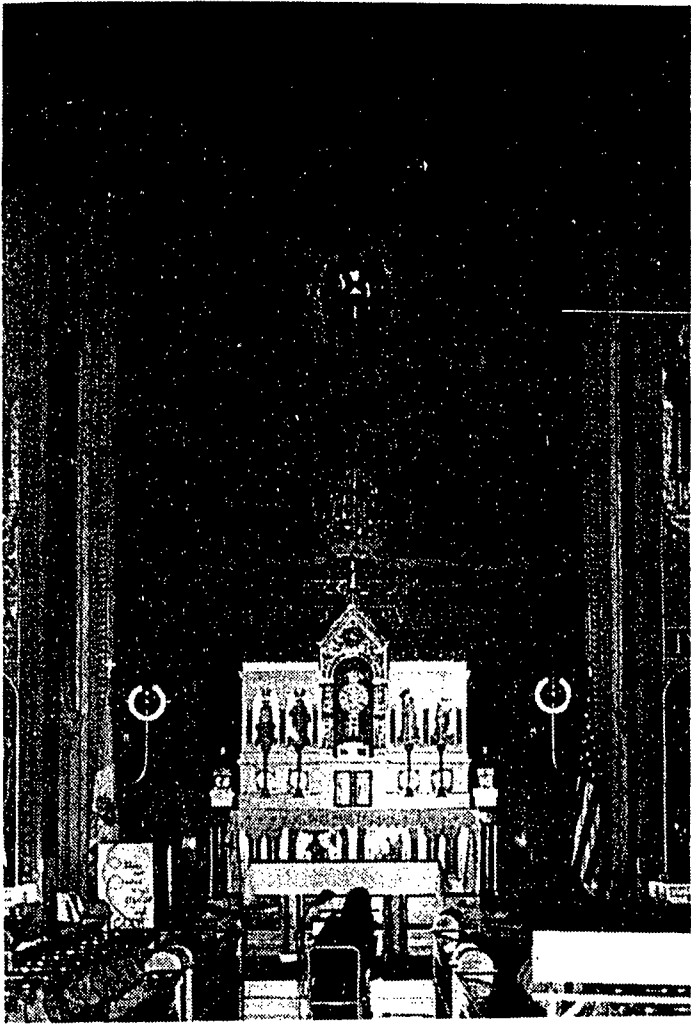
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The altar is the main one in the Chapel of Adoration. It is made of white Carrara marble. Above it is a 21 by 25 foot mosaic of Christ surrounded by Mary, Joseph, saints and angels.

Jerry Benson

## Nuns dedicate lives to perpetual prayer

Kathy Delk

Fifteen miles east of Maryville, one can step into another world, so different from the bustling, hectic pace of modern life. This is the convent of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, whose purpose in life is the continuous praising of God through prayer day and night. The sisters take turns so that every hour a prayer is being said.

People throughout the country send letters asking for prayers. The assurance that someone is always praying in the chapel inspires them to write—asking for help and prayer. Sometimes people will call in the middle of the night asking for a prayer for someone close who has had an accident or who is about to undergo surgery.

### History

In 1874, five Benedictine Sisters left their convent home in Switzerland to establish a convent of perpetual adoration in America. Six monks who had come to America the year before to start Conception Abbey in Clyde sent word back to the convent in Switzerland that Sisters were needed to help with the work.

When the Sisters arrived in Missouri, they stayed awhile in Maryville, until the Fathers of Conception offered them a home at the monastery. There, they started an orphanage.

The work of building a convent began in December of 1875. With the help of neighbors and the fathers, the convent was gradually constructed near Clyde. In 1901, the Chapel of Adoration was begun by Father Lukas Etlin, who wanted it all paid off when it was finished—so he took 10 years to build it. It is said that the Chapel was "built by the pennies of the poor."

In 1928, the convent began branching out across the country. There are now convents in Illinois, Tucson, Arizona, Kansas City, San Diego and St. Louis.

Two styles of art prevail in the chapel: Romanesque, which is evident in the architecture and Bueronese, which is in the mosaics. Elaborate art work is manifested in woodwork, marble, gold, enamel and stone.

The central altar is made of white Carrara marble, adorned with pillars of onyx and Siena marble. The top of each pillar is artistically carved in graceful lines of leaves and fruit—this pattern is followed throughout the border designs and carvings of the entire chapel. Four metal plaques symbolizing the Evangelists form the screen behind the altar. Above them are four mosaic pictures representing Christ's passion. (Mosaics are tiny pieces of glass and stone put together in a way so that a person looking at it from a distance sees a picture. All the mosaics were done by a glass company in Innsbruck, Austria.)

Choir stalls made of golden oak and embellished with many floral and handcarved rope designs on the back screen, are unique and attractive features of the chapel. On the walls above the stalls are mosaic scenes of the events in Mary's life.

It was necessary to have another chapel in the convent to be used for conferences, retreats, funeral services and as an exposition chapel to which the Most Blessed Sacrament could be moved at intervals when the Adoration Chapel required special cleaning and repairs. Thus, St. Benedict's Relic Chapel was built as a special addition.

The relics possessed by the convent are displayed in marble niches along with two side walls. (Relics are objects remaining as memorials of Christ, saints or of holy places.)

Pictures of Saint Benedict, which were hand-painted by one of the nuns, hang along one of the side walls.

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# Marriage becoming an unstable institution

Joy Szymborski

Marriage is an institution that is not as stable as it once was. So many young couples rush into marriage, only to have it end in a divorce a few years later.

What is the reason for this? "A lack of communication and a lack of awareness of what's involved in a successful marriage" are two reasons cited by Annette Lowman, an NWMSU marriage and family relations instructor.

A new addition to the NWMSU faculty, Lowman joined the home economics department this year after spending a year as an associate instructor at Purdue and Indiana University. All of her courses emphasize marriage, and she is concerned with increasing the male interest in these marriage courses in order to "give the guys a chance to find out what the girls think and vice versa."

She stated that on other campuses in the U.S., male interest and enrollment in the dating and marriage oriented courses has been steadily growing. But here at NWMSU, the enrollment of men is extremely low. She is hoping to change that and says that it is important for men and women to learn how to communicate and to become aware of each other's thoughts and ideas. She states the importance of this as "they marry at 20, and are going to spend the rest of their lives together and they need ways to revitalize the

marriage after a few years."

Lowman said another reason why the sexes should become more aware of each other's needs is that "sex roles are no longer as rigid. Men are going to have to face the fact that women are not the little homemakers anymore." But she is also concerned about the men's emotions. She said that men have been conditioned for so long that "it's not masculine to profess feelings." But, she states, if men do not express their feelings, dating and marriage are one-sided, with no inter-

action, "and interaction is where it's at."

Lowman tries to teach her students various aids that might be useful to them in their future marriages, such as how to communicate, fair fighting techniques, what things kill a marriage, myths involved with sex and marriage and marriage and parenthood.

Lowman hopes that male interest in the marriage courses will increase soon. She said that the men of this campus need to become more aware of what women are thinking and experiencing.

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# Dangerous toys sold as gifts for children

Suzanne Cruzen

Dangerous toys are the cause of 700,000 injuries a year, as estimated by the National Commission on Product Safety.

According to Dr. James Holroyd of the American Academy of Pediatrics, many of these injuries will be "crippling, scarring, or severely damaging." (Life Magazine, Nov., 1971)

Toys that are constructed poorly, or with improper materials are a threat to any child. Many toys are hazardous in their potential for misuse. Although 400 toys were banned this year, it is ultimately up to the consumer to determine the safety of the item.

Before being purchased every toy should be examined for such unsafe features as sharp edges or points that could cause a cut, or poorly fastened wheels, eyes, buttons, or snaps that pose a choking hazard. Eyes of stuffed pets are better if painted on because there is no chance for a small child to lodge them in ears, nose or throat. Dolls that have ribbons or hats attached with pins should also be avoided by the consumer.

One small child was injured by a Terry Toy (Knickerbocker Toy Co.) when he chewed through an ear and lodged a washer (sewn into each ear as a weight to keep the tip down) in his ear. Many eye injuries have been caused by the shattering of clacker balls. Water-filled plastic teething rings are often unsafe as they have been found to contain water polluted with bacteria from human waste. Babies are able to chew into the plastic ring — swallowing this polluted water and the bits of colored plastic that are inside.

Taking only two seconds to burst into flame and burn to a crisp when exposed to a match, the official Nerf Ball (Parker Brothers, Inc.) is judged by the Consumer Union as unsafe because it does not comply with the flammability standard set by the 1969 Toy Safety Act. This plastic foam ball was subjected to laboratory tests by the Consumer Union and the results were published in "Consumer Report."

First legislation attempting to protect the child was in 1966 with the banning of any toy found to be a toxic corrosive, an irritant, a strong sensitizer, flammable, or capable of generating pressure. The Child Protection and Toy Safety Act of 1969 extended coverage to toys that posed electrical, thermal, or mechanical dangers. Although effective as of January, 1970, it was nearly a year (December, 1970) before the Federal Food and Drug Administration (Health, Education, and Welfare Act) banned a list of 39 toys. Since then, nearly 2,000 dangerous toys have been banned.

Under this law the consumer who has purchased a banned toy has the right to have his money returned, as well as the expense of returning the toy to the store or the manufacturer. It is irrelevant whether or not the toy was bought before or after the government banned it.

## Consultant visits sorority

Caroline Drury, a traveling consultant for Alpha Omicron Pi, is presently visiting the sorority's NWMSU chapter.

One of four consultants traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada, Drury will discuss Alpha Omicron Pi's community service programs, as well as working with the local chapter and area alumnae as a resource person.

Drury has been trained in group dynamics, communication and chapter functions in order to assist in various ways.



Photo by Jerry Benson

There are still many dangerous toys on the market this Christmas season. All shoppers should be careful in choosing presents for children.

According to the Toy Manufacturers of America (TMA), 150,000 different toys are on the market. In 1971 the federal government employed only 15 toy inspectors at an annual inspection rate of 1,200 items, while a single store at Christmas time may have 12,000 toys offered on their shelves.

A help to the consumer is to evaluate toys by:

- 1) examining them for sharp edges or points
- 2) looking for dangers such as pinch points, hidden spikes, etc.
- 3) dropping the toy from a "drop machine" to test durability
- 4) testing any part of a toy that might loosen and present a choking hazard
- 5) analyzing toys paints and materials
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A patient, understanding and tolerant student from Bangalore, India, Shashidhara openly talks with Americans about such aspects of Indian culture as religion, education, politics and arranged marriages.

## Traditions, progress clash in life of Indian student

Joy Wade

Shashidhara is a patient, understanding and tolerant young man. He must be.

Who else would calmly agree to a second interview because the tape recorder didn't work the first time? Who else would appear unruffled when a second series of pictures had to be taken of him (in the den, no less) when the camera settings weren't right?

Who is Shashidhara? He is a tall, dark complected student from Bangalore, India, who is planning to complete his master's degree in agricultural economics this spring. Many qualities are combined in Shashidhara, ranging from sensitivity for the quality of rural Indian life to discipline in teaching yoga classes and leadership from being vice-president of the International Student's Organization.

Explaining the traditions and changes in Indian life, Shashi (his nickname) will readily describe such subjects as the difference in village and city life, religion, education, arranged marriages, politics and economy. Only generalizations can be made on most topics, though, since India has thousands of spoken dialects, just as many varieties of customs, and is beginning to pick up Western life patterns in some areas.

Shashi emphasized the difference in village and city dwellers when describing India, since the two usually respond to situations in totally opposite ways.

In cities, Indians are changing to a Westernized life style, while the villages retain the traditions and customs of an earlier India. Priorities in life which are held by the villagers do not always correspond with those of educated city residents who hope to increase the country's progress level.

Working in villages from 1972-73, Shashi is well acquainted with the problems of changing established lifestyles, and explained, "I worked in one of the most backward areas of my state. We had different projects, as building wells, improving the agricultural techniques, youth work and programs for the women and children."

Although this may sound like a welcomed and rewarding job, Shashi testifies that many underlying problems existed. The seemingly simple effort of having the villagers believe in the project was the first obstacle to overcome. "You must first be accepted," he said, "which is a long process. You must visit them and be with them. It took a year for me to get the villagers to believe in me—they didn't trust me, but they believed in me. You must live like one of them. When I would go into a house, they would offer me a chair, but I would refuse and sit on the floor."

After the villagers believed that Shashi and his group were sincere, came the step of changing their ideas and priorities in life. For example, clean water is not a priority in

their lives as it is in ours. Most of the villages have a central tank of water which is used both as drinking water and to wash their clothes. The villagers had to be convinced that clean water was important to them. "We have to change their way of thinking," Shashi emphasized. "Money can't do it. Many developers don't understand this. They think that if they build a new well in a village the people will use it, but they won't. You must get the people to feel that they need to change."

This change was then brought about by Shashi and the other coordinator of the project, who had 14 people working for them. Films were shown and family budgets were made as loans were given to farmers for buying fertilizers. Four young women also helped create programs for the women and children, since men can rarely talk to women in the villages. Shashi's experiences in the villages remains a strong influence, and eventually he would like to receive a similar job if, he added, "I get a good opportunity; which is hard to get."

In contrast to the slowly changing rural villages, life in the cities is becoming increasingly independent of tradition. Jeans are popular with the youth, while dresses and pants are interchanged with the women's saree and the men's dhoti. Colleges are beginning to drop the British system where students study volumes of books all year to take a three and one-half hour exam which tests their memory. Daughters are attending college now, and working away from home.

Even the established method of arranged marriages is being loosened, since "in some families, if they refuse, they don't have to get married. But in other families you do not go against the parents," Shashi explained. When marriages are arranged, family wealth is a prime concern, including both the son's and father's income. Education is becoming a factor now, with the man usually receiving more education than his wife.

One facet of Indian life which affects everyone, and has been common in the news media is that of politics—particularly Indira Gandhi. Shashi agrees with Gandhi in one point—that of India not being ready for a democracy. "In a democracy," Shashi reasoned, "every person must feel that they are part of the system. In India, the villagers (about 90 percent of the population) do not feel that they are responsible for a president being elected. When one educated leader of the uneducated masses tells them to work for someone, they will. The people need an awareness and to feel as part of the system."

Speaking of his friends, Shashi added, "Most of us, we gave up reading newspapers," following Gandhi's dictatorial control of the country. "A person must also be careful of censored mail, or of being found as a political dissident. I ask my friends to write more about politics, but they don't," he said.

Although Shashi hasn't returned to India for nine months, he hopes to visit later this year.

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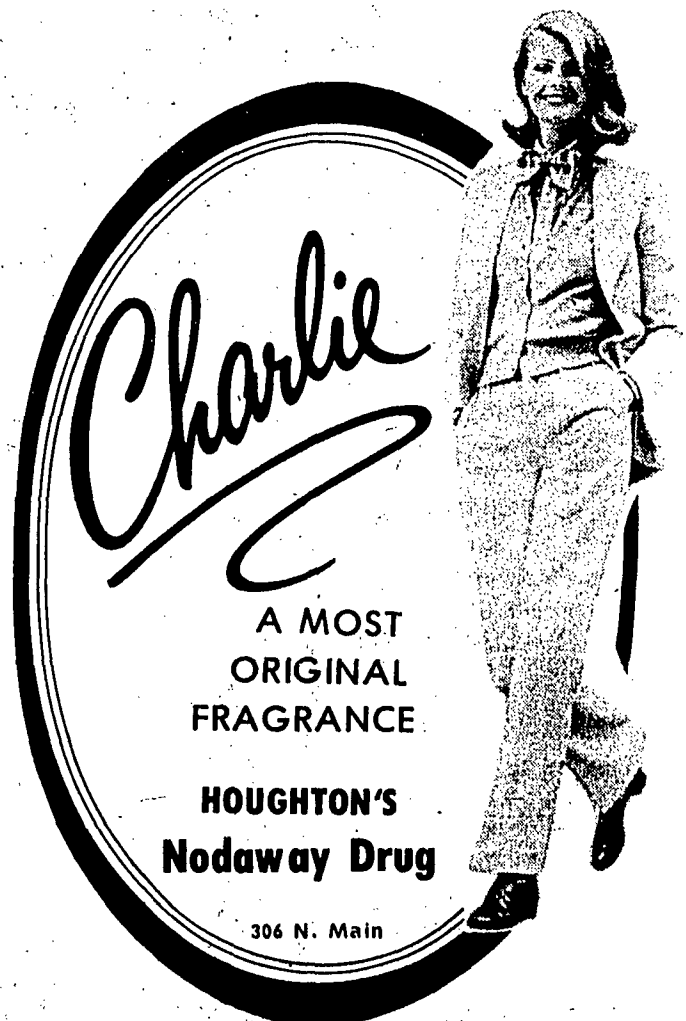
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# Textbook rental labeled old-fashioned, but cheap

Bill Fuenfhausen

NWMSU is one of only three universities in the Midwest still employing the textbook rental system, according to Bill Churchill, assistant to the executive vice president. This fact means two things: (1) NWMSU is old-fashioned in regard to textbook distribution, and (2) NWMSU is less expensive than most colleges because of savings in textbooks alone.

Only CMSU at Warrensburg and SEMSU at Cape Girardeau offer similar textbook rental services. Other universities have evolved to the system of student purchasing of texts from campus bookstores.

NWMSU has provided textbook rental services since first becoming a state school decades ago. Once the rental fee was a mere \$5 for the duration of a student's attendance. For the last five years, the rental fee has been \$35, payable once for as long as the student is enrolled. \$25 of this amount is refundable when the student either graduates or withdraws from school.

According to Churchill, the average price of a new text is about \$10. The student normally uses about five classroom texts per semester. Over a four-year period, a student spends between \$400-700 on texts, according to Churchill's calculations. Of this amount, approximately 50 per cent is redeemable from resale. Worse yet, many books are used only one or two semesters, then are discarded for another text. The student must bear the economic burden.

With the rental system, however, "you may buy whatever books you wish to keep, but you don't have to buy texts that aren't necessary to your major field of interest," said Churchill.

Rental puts the economic burden involved in ordering, purchasing and distributing textbooks on the university. NWMSU invests between \$40,000-50,000 annually on

Teachers like to have the preference of changing books, but they don't consider the expense to students. Over a four-year period a student could spend \$400-\$700 on texts.

replacement texts, replacing books for any given class on an average cycle of three to five years, according to Churchill. The immense expense involved with rental is the major reason that many universities now operate on the student purchasing plan, said George Lukens, direct supervisor of the bookstore.

Why hasn't NWMSU changed with the trend toward university textbook marketing? "Rental is a drawing card for attracting new students," said Lukens. Churchill commented that "the administration feels that the textbook service provides a significant economic benefit for students."

According to Churchill, the University has over \$300,000 invested in textbook inventory, not including shipping and selling costs. "We are doing for \$40,000-50,000 yearly what would cost students \$200,000," said Churchill. "Our textbook service is geared to provide a significant cost advantage to students who don't want to buy books. For students who do want to buy books, they're no worse off."

However, the rental system also has its flaws. One of the major disadvantages is the outdating of material in some fields in which rapid changes occur. Also, a book requested by an instructor may prove to be ineffective as a classroom text, and the instructor may have to make the best of it until he can convince the office of the Provost that a different text is necessary.

"With student purchasing of texts, the real advantage is in the flexibility it gives the instructor in choosing his course texts," said Churchill. Defending the rental system, Lukens said, "Teachers like to have the preference of changing books when they see fit, but they don't consider the enormous expense involved to students."

Another problem with rental is the matter of textbook distribution, a costly and time-consuming undertaking. Sacking of books for students at general registration is

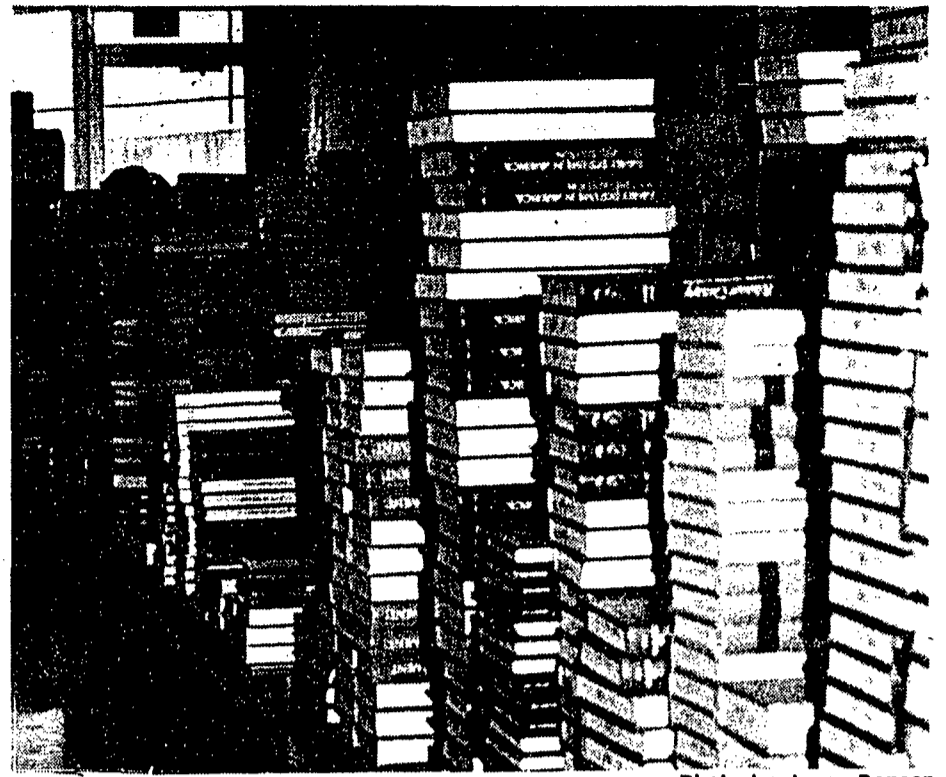


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Allowing students to rent textbooks for \$35, which covers their entire stay at NWMSU and entitles them to a \$25 refund at graduation, the University is one of only three such institutions in the Midwest. This policy saves students hundreds of dollars, since they don't have to buy texts which they will only use for only one class.

an example of improved service in distribution at NWMSU. Still, "there needs to be some improved method of allocating books to students," said Churchill.

Will NWMSU catch up with the times and force students to purchase their own texts under the rules of the flourishing publishing industry? "There are no plans to change the system in the future, other than to work toward better service," said Lukens. Changes in the economy, however, could possibly affect the future rate of fees, but "even if the fees doubled, the rental service would still be a terrific value considering the savings to students," Lukens commented.

Should the textbook rental service become obsolete, students at NWMSU will be involved in a crash course in the theory of supply and demand—they will supply more bucks in the pockets of the publishing industry and surely create more demand for a return to the old ways.

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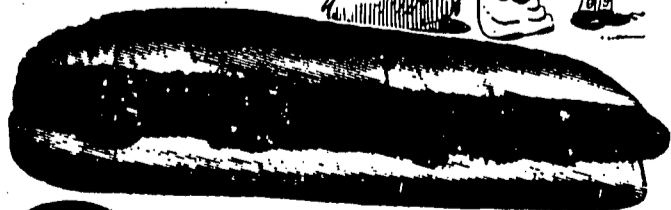
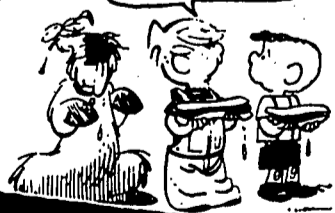
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# Parties highlight child's Christmas

There's nothing like being surrounded with attention, as these young girls learned. Nancy Hinkley, right, and Dave Wright offer refreshments while getting to know the children.

Who cares for a White Christmas? "That just means more snow to shovel. Why go out and chop down a pine tree? An artificial one serves the same purpose and pine needles don't get stuck in the carpet. Who has the time to make their presents? It's worth it to battle the crowds for the last minute sales. Why try to make Christmas "magical" for the kids? It's time they learned that money is scarce, and besides, they should know better than to believe in Santa Claus.

Unfortunately, there are too many people with these attitudes who are losing site of what Christmas is all about. However, there is still hope. Children from Maryville and St. Joseph can look forward to a brighter Christmas, thanks

to several campus organizations who plan activities for them each year.

Among the fraternities working with children is Tau Kappa Epsilon, who plan on having 25-30 developmentally disabled children brought up from St. Joseph for a party on December 11. Santa Claus will make an appearance, distributing presents and candy canes, with games being held throughout the evening. Last year, the TKE's held a similar party with orphans from St. Joseph.

The Delta Chi's and Delta Zeta's will host a party for about 30 underprivileged children from Maryville ranging from five to eight years old. Santa will make a second appearance for the evening, bringing presents and per-

sonalized stockings. Other underprivileged children last year were taken to Gibson's to buy small presents for their family. Gifts were also bought for the children themselves, with everyone returning to the Delta Chi house to wrap the purchases.

Phi Mu plans to donate gifts to Country Cousins, a program headed by Dr. E.L. Whitmore, where children and college students visit his farm for a weekend and relate to each other on a one to one basis.

Sigma Society will also buy presents for Country Cousins, based on the child's needs. Other plans are to Christmas carol at the hospital and to have a party for underprivileged children at the Eugene Field School.

Wednesday night Phi Sigma Epsilon and Sigma Sigma Sigma held a Head Start party for 16-20 underprivileged students from the Eugene Field School. While watching cartoons, the children were surprised by the sudden appearance of "Santa." Gifts of homemade puppets, hats and gloves were given to the children, with the organizations also giving a donation to the Head Start program.

It is not always necessary to chop down a pine tree or make your own presents to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas, as these people have discovered. They have learned that child represent the spirit of Christmas and bring back the "magic" for everyone.

## Scrapbook wraps up memories



left  
Sigma Society members relax with their Little Sis's during their Christmas party last year.

above left

Ever-popular Santa Claus is portrayed by Rod Boyer, as children gather to collect their presents.

above right

These two Phi Sigma Epsilon members demonstrate their football talents at one party.

right

A toy Santa Claus is Teak Nelsen's request this year. She seems to have forgotten about Christmas candy, since she says she likes apples and pears.

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Curtis Bagby is one youngster who isn't overwhelmed by Santa, portrayed by Howard Comer.



above  
Although these two boys seem camera shy, they soon were having fun at a party.

right  
Bryce Kirschner of Maryville shows the true Christmas spirit, as he hopes to get an emergency hat for himself, and a little package for his brother.

below  
Refreshments and good times are shared by Nancy Hinkley, right, with these children.



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Taking her turn at prayer is one of the sisters of the convent. The practice is to have a sister there at all hours of the day and night praying and praising God.

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## Backpacking cont.

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"you'd have to carry it with you. Water is more important than food, so you'd have to take less food."

Unnecessary hobbies such as reading or knitting should be left at home also, she continued. "You may think, 'What will I do around the campfire at night?' But you just entertain yourself with the people you're with, or go for walks, or just meditate."

Since all of the food and additional items are stuffed into the backpack, this piece of equipment can't be overlooked in the shuffle. "Picking a backpack is an art in itself. These aren't the backpacks that people buy to carry their books to class," Barb added. "It should be lightweight and water proof, and should carry 30-35 pounds for the average person." Made of nylon, a backpack is supported with two aluminum strips on either side; with shoulder straps and a set of straps to tie around the hips to help distribute the weight. "They may become more common in the sporting goods stores around here — I think backpacking is getting more popular nationwide," she continued.

After all of the necessary items are purchased or borrowed, the final but most important selection is left for the prospective backpacker — that of choosing his companions. "You need people who get along well," Barb said knowingly. "You'll have squabbles and sometimes people will go separate ways. You're always hearing about people who get separated from their groups and aren't found. When I was out there, I heard on the radio about a girl who was my age — 19 — who left her group and no one ever found her after that. It's still wilderness out there. Bears are around, and they'll be attracted by your food. There's also the risk of having an accident and not having anyone around to help."

Although the hints and recommendations for backpacking will differ with each enthusiast, a beginner mustn't be overwhelmed by his lack of knowledge. Experience is the best teacher, and the rewards of backpacking will compensate for any hardships or difficulties suffered during the effort. As Barb has discovered, otherwise, "you don't realize how little you are out of nature in everyday living."

## Convent cont.—

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"There are various things that inspire a person to become a nun," said Sister Mary Gertrude. "The main one being to serve God. Another is the love for God and the wanting to do something for Him with an undivided heart. Most of all, it's to do something for His children — our fellow man — by praying for them. Also we try to do as much charity for poor people as we can."

Only a person who is called to this kind of life can follow it, she added. "God gives a vocational life to some and not to others. The person meant for the married state would not be happy in this state nor would she be following the design of God for her if she didn't follow His route."

There are certain stages in becoming a nun. If a person is interested in joining the convent, a 30-day live-in period is required. She observes the life of a nun and if, after the 30 days she is still interested, she applies for entrance. She then becomes an affiliate, and this stage lasts about a year.

Next is the novice stage, which lasts two years and is still a training program. After the two years, the first vows are taken. The novices are then assigned to any one of the six convents. Five to nine years later, the final vows are taken.

### Convent Activities

Making altar bread is the main source of income for the convent. Altar bread is a wafer that is used for communion. The wafer is baked on electric stoves and cut from flat sheets of dough into small round sizes.

"The altar bread is sent to parishes throughout the country — we have a large mailing list which we send the bread to regularly. There are many Sisters employed in the work," said Sister Mary Gertrude.

Also at the convent, the Sisters write and print a pamphlet that is sent out to parishes every two months. Leaflets and newsletters are printed there also.

"Another phase of the work is a marriage encounter group that has been going on for about two years. Couples meet here once a month at our guest house. This is for married couples that have good marriages. . . It's to make good marriages better," said Sister Mary Augustine.

"It helps the couples understand better each others' problems—it helps in making family life better. Also, communication problems are overcome."

Various talents are possessed by the nuns, one of which is the composition of music. One of the nuns has two records of her compositions. Another nun makes candles to sell. In the courtyard, one of the nuns grows roses and is familiar with nearly every genus of rose.

Aid, in the form of books, medicine and clothing, is sent to an India mission from the convents of Perpetual Adoration. Wells are also built for areas that lack a water supply. To build one of the wells, the Sisters raised money by putting on a Fall Festival, all the proceeds of which were sent to India.

Different retreats are held at the convent by non-Catholic groups. Recently a group of Methodist ministers and their wives spent the weekend, and groups of school children and their teachers have also held retreats there.

"Toward the end of the school year bus loads of children come to the convent to take tours of the chapels," said Sister Mary Augustine.

## Debaters rank in tournament

NWMSU's debate teams placed second and fourth last weekend in the Hutchinson, Kan., Community College Invitational Tournament, an event involving 29 teams.

The NWMSU squad is coached by Dr. Jim Leu, assistant professor of speech and theater. Charles Ortman and Dave Boman whipped through six preliminary rounds undefeated, copped quarter-final and semi-final victories before settling for second place. Bethel College handed

the duo a defeat in the championship round.

The other NWMSU team, composed of Janet Stuck and Linda Grimes, finished fourth. They were 5-1 in preliminary competition and were ousted in the quarter-final round.

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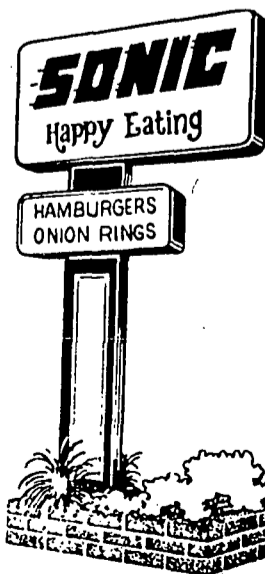


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# Drop out rate soars

The drop-out rate at NWMSU has increased substantially this semester. This increase parallels a national trend toward students leaving college, but the instance here may be due to this year's increase in freshman enrollment.

Sue Barmann

At one time or another almost every student talks about dropping out of school. But like the weather, most students just talk about it. It's an entirely different story when one actually takes the drastic step.

Many administrators and counselors ask why students drop out and what type of person is most likely to do this.

At NWMSU, the total number of students who have withdrawn this semester is at the 229 mark, as compared to 155 last year. Although this figure represents a large increase, Martha Cooper, registrar, explained that enrollment was also greatly increased in the freshman class this semester.

Students can withdraw from their classes up to the last day before finals begin, and Cooper stated that the University has no way of knowing why the student is dropping out. Students were at one time referred to the University's counseling center when they applied for a withdrawal form. However, this practice was discontinued because by that time, "a student had his mind pretty well made up that this is what he was going to do," according to Richard Long of the campus counseling center.

Cooper has observed that there seems to be a flurry of withdrawals after holiday vacations and breaks, and that the greatest number of students are lost from spring to fall deciding over the summer not to return.

Long noted several common reasons students may drop out. Financial problems head the list. The rising cost of education forces many students to seek a job and return later. Students with no career goals are also likely to leave school. "Many students just don't have goals. They are in college because their friends are, or because they don't know what else to do," said Long. "They just float along until they realize their needs aren't being met, then they drop out."

Often, this type of student will decide to come back after a year or two with career goals and motivation in mind, said Long. These "stop outs" can be good, explained David Sundberg, also a counselor. "After taking time out and searching, the person will probably be stronger for it."

Unlike students who lack career goals, there are those who are simply unprepared for college. "Some students just don't belong in college because they lack the basic skills," said Long.

"Students began to be disenchanted with college education in the 60's. Since then, our institutions have been intensifying their recruitment efforts," explained Long. "This can be good, but in doing so, it has resulted in lower standards. Colleges have got to stop being everything for everyone."

Many students drop out because their needs are not being met by the institution, commented Long. "This problem is compounded when there are students who have no business being here in the first place. If we allow persons in who are deficient in skills, it is important that we help them overcome these deficiencies," Long stated.

The counseling center is trying to aid these individuals through several group

sessions offered each semester in study skills, career exploration and assertion training. The Writing Skills Center helps students in the areas of English usage and writing. Various tutoring services are also available free in individual departments.

"Part of the problem in helping students is that they have to come get it, which may be hard for them to do," said Sundberg.

"If students don't know why they're here," said Long, "there is a kind of aimlessness and passivity. A lot of students feel helpless about their lives. There are ways to help students take charge of their lives and it is the job of the college to help."

Long and Sundberg are now doing a year-long study to try to understand if certain types survive in college and other types drop out. This fall, 500 freshmen entering NWMSU were given a personality test "The Briggs-Myers Type Indicator" and a survey devised by Alexander W. Astin which includes factors such as race, religion, high school grades and background. The results of this research will be calculated next fall and then possible conclusions can be drawn.

"Right now, we know virtually nothing about students dropping out. It is a very complex problem," stated Long.

To study the problem further, Cooper, Sundberg and Dean Robert Hayes, Director of Admissions, will attend an Attrition Conference at Manhattan, Kans. Dec. 6, presented by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Basically, the staff wants to help those students who would like to stay in school but are discouraged. Nationwide, researchers are probing ways to eliminate the "age of the drop outs" by some preventive measures to stop wasted time and resources on the student's and institution's part.

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## Story theatre debuts

"The Master Thief," a Grimm Brothers fairy tale to be portrayed on stage, will debut Dec. 13-14 as part of Northwest Missouri State University's "Story Theater" presentation at 8 p.m. In the University's Administration Building Little Theater. Players with arms extended portray the parrot's cage. From left, back row, are Rick Morrison, Kathy Forrester, Pat Heath, Angie Felling, Cindy Markham, and Bob Gately. In front, wearing night shirts, are Joe Stagg and Sarah Huntman.



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Barb Guhke

"Boy, he's a real dog in the manger, isn't he?" "Well, she had this, sour-grapes attitude, but I could tell she really wants it." Most of us have heard these expressions used and have very likely used them ourselves. They are part of our rich legacy of fables and fairytales cherished and passed down through many years, by such masters as Aesop and the Brothers Grimm.

Just as they have delighted generations of children for many years, they continue to delight adults. These wonderful, wise and witty tales are the subject of the Alpha Psi Omega scholarship presentation, *Story Theatre*. It will be presented at 8 p.m. Dec. 13-14 in the Administration Building Little Theatre. Tickets are 50 cents with student I.D. and \$1.50 without I.D. They may be purchased in the speech department office.

Members of the honorary theatre fraternity, Terry Behle, Mary Badeen, Gloria Obermeyer and Linda Larkin, are directing and overseeing the production of the play. This is the first year that students have been almost entirely responsible for the production of the scholarship presentation. In establishing this precedent, they hope that this will be continued as a tradition. "I really feel that we learn more this way, being responsible for everything," said Behle. All proceeds over the royalty cost will go into a scholarship fund for theater majors.

This will be a casual, informal type of production. Props and costumes are merely suggestive of what they represent — the acting is done in street attire. The object is to make the production appear non-theatrical, as though it were spontaneous entertainment on the part of the performers.

The material presented will be familiar to most of the audience. Though the actual

titles of some of these tales may have been forgotten with the passage of years, most people will recognize the stories themselves as they unfold. There are 10 fairytales presented. In order of appearance they are: *Little Peasant, The Bremen Town Musicians, Is He Fat? The Robber Bridegroom, Henny Penny, Master Thief, Venus and the Cat, The Fisherman's Wife, Two Crows and The Golden Goose.*

The seating arrangement also will be informal, with some chairs being provided but much of the seating will be on the floor. The cast will interact with the audience, physically mingling and playing to them at various times.

"This is purely a fun type of production," said Behle. "We just want people to come in, unwind and just have a good time. Kind of a relief before finals begin."

Badeen added, "We've had a good time with this play, and we really think the audience will, too. So far high school and elementary audiences have enjoyed it a lot, I think and I believe everyone will."

This would be a good thing to bring kids (of all ages) to see as the assorted, easy to understand, non brain-taxing segments of the show, plus a large cast, make for interesting variety. Maybe we do just need to enjoy. Enough of thinking!

## Students present seasonal play

Three NWMSU theatre students will bring the spirit of Christmas to area organizations with a production of "A Christmas Memory," based on a short story by Truman Capote.

David Shestak, speech and theatre instructor has adapted the Capote short story to a readers theatre production, performed by students Mary Jenkins,

Kate Hancock and Linda Grimes.

Groups interested in having this old-time Christmas production performed them may contact Shestak through the University switchboard at 582-7141. No performances will be booked after Dec. 15. The students can also provide leadership for Christmas caroling following their performance.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Union Board coordinates remote plus live group

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of giving, and that's the spirit which KDLX and Union Board are appealing to with this year's Christmas Remote and Dance Dec. 14, in the Union Ballroom.

This is the fourth year at NWMSU that Christmas Remote has been sponsored. The goal is to provide a merrier Christmas for needy Nodaway County families. Last year's remote provided over \$400 to fourteen underprivileged families.

KDLX has officially challenged all other campus organizations to surpass their donation collection. "Money is important, but any donation will be appreciated—old toys, articles of clothing, canned food; if every student contributed only 25 cents donation, that would provide over \$1,200 to needy families," said Bruce Anderson, special programs director at KDLX. Prizes will be awarded at the Remote to the groups bringing in the largest donations.

Remote begins at 8 p.m. when KDLX begins live broadcast from the Union Ballroom, playing Christmas music and disco until 9:30, during which items

collected from community businesses will be auctioned and organizational donations will be computed.

At 9:30, Ted Paxson and U.S.A., who were featured at last year's Remote, will provide entertainment for the dance. The dance, also in the Union Ballroom, will be broadcast live on KDLX until about 12:30 a.m. The event is free to NWMSU students.

Anderson sums up the spirit of Remote saying, "It's not to see how much money we can raise, but to try to provide a better Christmas for some underprivileged families; however, the more money collected, the more good we can do."

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Remote and Dance, and is asked to bring some kind of donation.

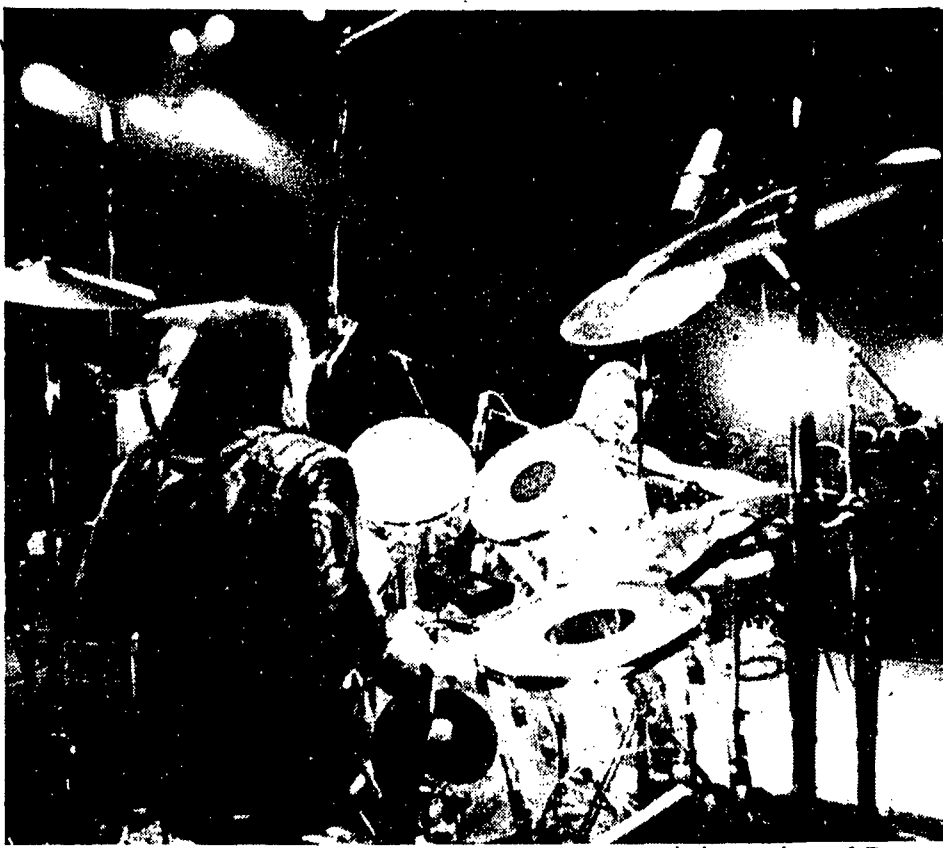
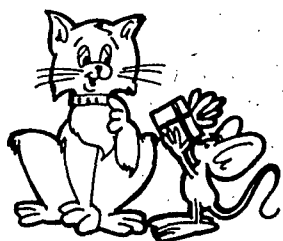


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## Christ authors children's story

William G. Christ, assistant professor of broadcasting at NWMSU, is the author of a children's story which appears in the 1976 Winter Edition of "The Ocooch Mountain News," published in Gillingham, Wisc.

Christ, who joined the NWMSU speech and theater department faculty this fall, entitled his story, "How Fireflies Got Their Fires." It's the story of Ambrose Bug, who for humanitarian reasons, captured the light of the moon and became a firefly. The moon, thankfully, allowed Ambrose to keep the light forever on the condition that the light blinked. The moon didn't want any confusion as to the identity of the real moon.



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## Lecture Series includes Academy Award winner

George Pal, an Academy Award-winning producer of movies containing unusual effects, will present NWMSU's final Performing Arts and Lecture Series event of the semester when he appears on campus Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.

The title of his lecture, to be held in the Charles Johnson Theatre of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, is "Special Effects in the Cinema." As producer-writer of "Doc Savage . . . The Man of Bronze," his new feature film for Warner Brothers, Pal continues his brilliant career as the foremost maker of fantasy-action-adventures pictures.

Pal has consistently made more fantasy-adventure films than any producer in the world. His ability as an inventive and imaginative artist is attested to by the fact that he has been the recipient of 25 awards, including eight Academy Awards.

Pal's first venture in the field of feature pictures came in 1950. His

prophetic "Destination Moon" was the first technicolor picture dealing with science fiction, or possibly science fact. Since then his string of box-office hits has continued unbroken.

If there is a recurring theme in Pal's feature films, it is a confidence in science and the individual to rise to the challenge of a crisis. His far-sightedness and revolutionary ideas brought a shower of acclaim and a contract with Paramount Pictures where he coordinated such films as "When Worlds Collide," "The Naked Jungle," "War of the Worlds," and "Houdini."

Pal then went to MGM with his highly successful "Tom Thumb," "The Time Machine," "The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm," "Seven Faces of Dr. Lao," and others. Pal's lectures will include clips from "Doc Savage" followed by a discussion of his films and filmmaking techniques, especially his outstanding special effects.

## Eagles don't 'take it easy'

Bill Fuenfhausen

Eagles—A band that has been soaring toward stardom since the early seventies. Joe Walsh—A dynamic guitarist with virtually unlimited potential.

Vague generalities? Well, maybe. And what do they have in common? How about a concert the night before Thanksgiving, 1976 in Kansas City's Kemper Arena? And how about the fact that Joe Walsh is now officially a member of the Eagles band?

Walsh first gained notoriety as the stunning guitarist with the straining vocal chords in James Gang in the early '70's. His next venture was a band called Barnstorm, most notable for the album, "The Smoker You Drink, the Player You Get." After the separation from Barnstorm, Walsh did a solo venture, releasing the live album, "You Can't Argue With a Sick Mind."

Meanwhile, Eagles had scored high with their first four albums, "Eagles," "Desperado," "On the Border," and "One of These Nights." Their greatest hit album has been high on Billboard charts for some 36 weeks. Very soon they will release a new LP, with the combined efforts of Walsh.

Nov. 24, Kemper Arena was full nearly to capacity with admirers of both Eagles and Walsh, and fans of J.D. Souther, the lead-off band for Eagles. Kemper was tense with excitement and apprehension as everyone wondered what the combination of a super-electric guitarist and

a highly successful rock band would offer.

The first number after the lights went down was an old Eagles hit, "Take It Easy," which sounded very much like what was expected of Eagles, but where was Walsh to fit in with this past history? The next number, a rendition of Barnstorm's "Rocky Mountain Way," written by Walsh, and transformed to "Kansas City Way," (dedicated to Eagles roadies), proved to a frantic audience that Joe Walsh is still the virtuoso guitarist he once was.

If Joe Walsh and Eagles share the same charisma on their upcoming album that they did in concert, they're bound to be "Out of Control" as the competition "Turn to Stone."

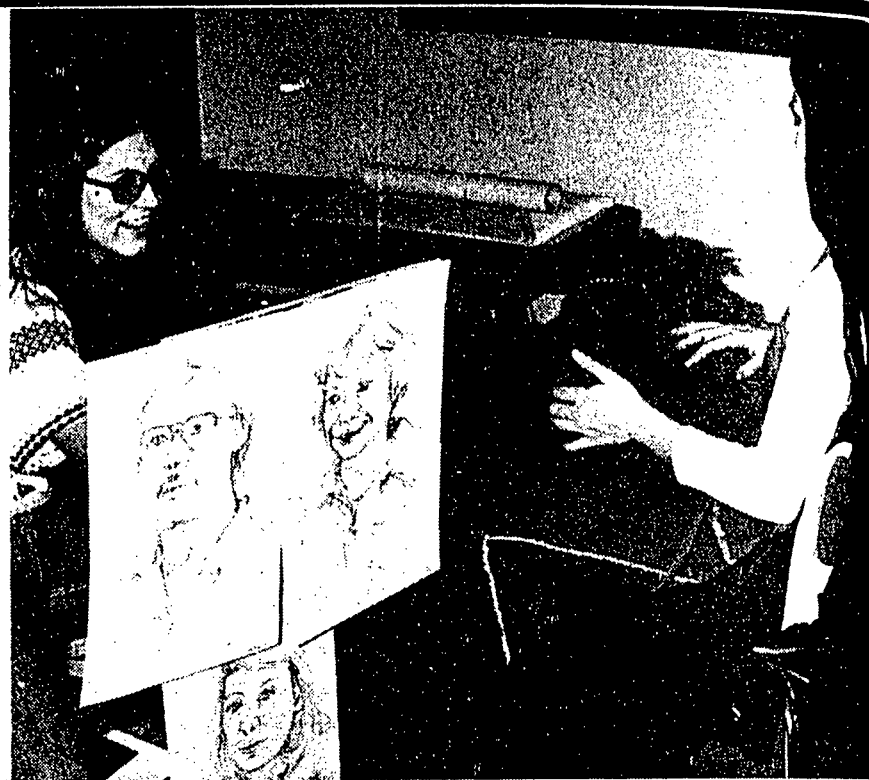


Photo by Vic Gutteridge

An annual art show and sale was presented by the art club in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building December 4.

Art displays included: ceramics, jewelry, paintings, prints, metal work and sculptures done by the art students, art club and faculty.

This is the fifth year of the art show and sale. Its purpose is to show current work done by the students. "This gives the students an opportunity to show their work," said Russ Schmaljohn.

The art club uses the money to travel to art galleries and museums in places like Chicago and New York.

The Art students get all but fifteen per cent of the money from the art sales when their work is sold.

The art club presents an art show and sale twice a year, on the first Saturday in May and December. Any student enrolled in art may participate.

The art club is now in the process of planning a scholarship for incoming freshman art majors.

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# Cat cagers enter 'lucky month'

Chris Horacek

During the five seasons that Bob Iglehart has been at the helm of the Bearcat basketball program, December has been a month of good fortune. Iglehart's combined record for December over the last five years is just over the .500 mark. To make it over the .500 mark this December, the 'Cats will have to get by some worthy opponents, most of whom have many seasoned players returning and are coming from winning seasons.

William Jewell will invade Lamkin Gym on Dec. 11, marking the 'Cats final home game of '76. The Cardinals will come prepared with ten returning lettermen from last year's 19-16 squad that was 1-1 against the 'Cats.

The Nebraska Sports Center will be the site of the 'Cats Dec. 13 journey into Omaha. Nebraska lost only three lettermen from last year's 19-8 squad that held opponents for an average of 62.8 points per game and ranked eighth best in the nation. Guards Bob Siegel and Allen Holder, as well as eight over returners hope to improve on the Huskers third place finish in the Big 8 from a year ago.

The only non-conference team that will participate in the tournament is the University of Missouri at St. Louis. The 'Cats have never faced UMSL before, but should they meet the Rivermen they will be playing against a tall, quick team that has eight or nine lettermen as well as its five top scorers from last year's 13-12 squad.

On Jan. 15, the 'Cats will travel to Rolla to face the defending conference champions. Last year the 'Cats dropped two games to the Miners, but the latter match was decided by a two point margin. Rolla returns three starters from last year's 18-9 team that included Bob Stanley, who was named to the All-Conference Second Team a year ago, and Ross Kile, who earned an Honorable Mention.

Southeast Missouri has seven returning from last year's 5-21 conference cellar dweller. Second year coach Carroll Williams will have good height in this year's squad and he will have some help from two tall freshmen. Williams' outlook is, "I hope we are more competitive than last season but we are awfully young and very inexperienced."

*The 'Cats will have to get by some worthy opponents.*

After the Jan. 22 trip to Cape Girardeau, the 'Cats return to Lamkin Gymnasium after six road trips (which included one tournament) to face the Hawks from Quincy College. The contest will involve a team that went 23-9 last season for the schools best mark ever. The Hawks have nine returners off the team that averaged over 84 points a game.

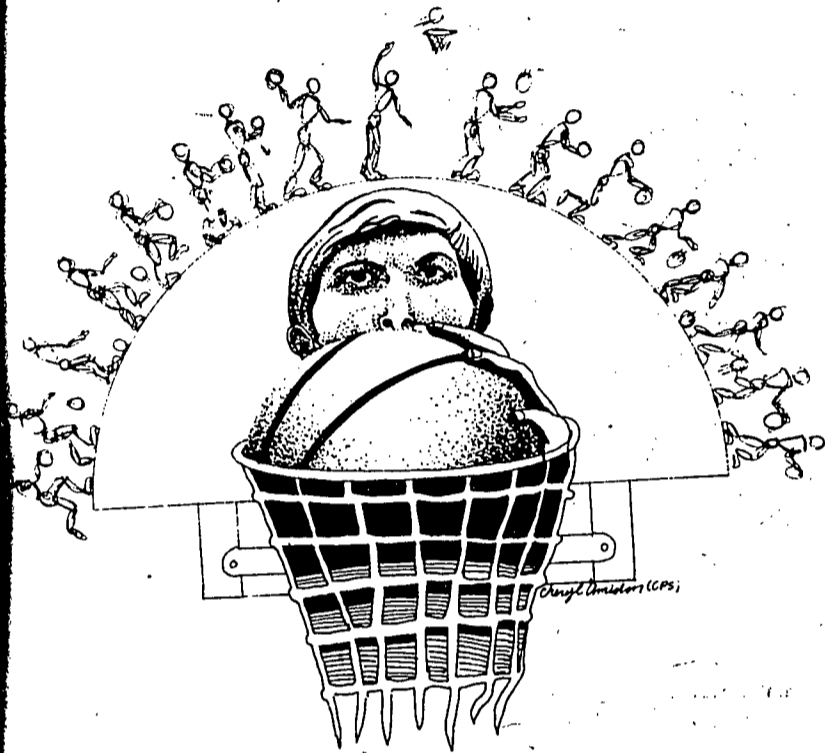
Two days later the 'Cats host a strong Lincoln University ball club. Despite the loss of All-Conference Center Vince Humphrey, the Tigers have a good chance to play up to last year's 20-8 record by building a squad of young players around a core of seven returning lettermen. Last year the Tigers defeated conference champion Rolla in the NCAA South Central Regional as well as defeating the 'Cats in the schools two meetings, by margins of 96-73 and a 88-86 edging.

Central Missouri also returns seven players from last year's 14-10 team. Center Jerry Lewis, Milt McDonald and Jimmie Dull, all of whom saw action with last year's 'Cats in the conference a year ago. The squad will have to mold a winner from last year's backup players as well as help from transfers from smaller schools.

*The Battle of the Bearcats will be held Dec. 18*

On the last day in January, Coach Bill Thomas and his Southwest Missouri State Bears will come to Maryville minus standout guard Andy Newton. But the Bears still have the ability to maul their opponents with returners the caliber of Scott Hawk, Jerry Lewis, Milt McDonald and Jimmie Dull, all of whom saw action with last year's 15-11 Bears.

Starting guard Lyndall Magers returns in the backcourt along with letterman Tony Armstrong to give the Bears a promising outlook for the season.



Bearcats are looking forward to a full season of basketball action. They began Monday, Nov. 29 against Washburn State under the direction of Coach Bob Iglehart.

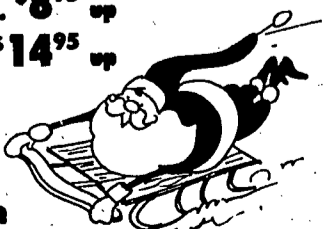
The Battle of the Bearcats will be held Dec. 18 as the NWMSU Bearcats travel to Marion, Ill., to meet the Bearcats of McKendree College. The 'Cats will be facing a potent offensive club that has eight returning lettermen from a team that averaged 90 points per game enroute to a 17-9 season. McKendree's weak spot is defense. Last year they had an average of just over 83 points scored against them per game. Missouri Baptist is the only 'Cat opponent that lost the majority of last year's squad to graduation. The Spartans will host the 'Cats for the schools first meeting at Springfield Dec. 17. The Spartans four returning lettermen will try to improve on their 22 mark from a year ago without the aid of a big man in the middle, so quickness could be the Spartan plan. The tallest member of the squad is 6'5" Bill DuBord, a transfer student from Southeast Missouri.

January has been a tough month for the 'Cats as their five season composite record stands at .244. Kicking off the New Year is the MIAA preseason tournament which will be held at Springfield Jan. 6-8. This tournament involves all of the teams in the MIAA and should give the 'Cats a good indication of the conference competition season.

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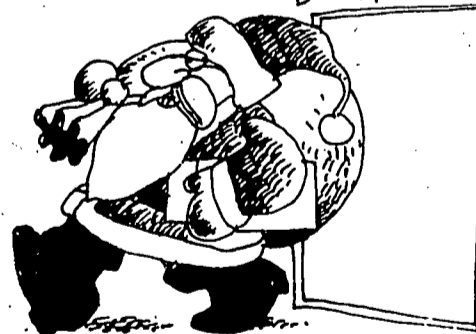
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Ryland Milner, left, presented trophies at the conclusion of the tournament named in his honor at Northwest Missouri State University. The retired NWMSU athletic director, awarded the second-place trophy in the women's division of the Ryland Milner Invitational Basketball Tournament to B.J. Pratt.



## SPORTS

Student officials are needed to officiate men's intramural basketball games. Those interested should contact Jackie Hughes, student intramural director or Dr. Earl Baker, intramural faculty adviser in the men's physical education office located in Lamkin Gymnasium. Officials are paid one dollar for each game officiated.

NWMSU's wrestling team opened their season by finishing second in the 10-team Graceland Invitational held Dec. 4 at Graceland.

Coe College won the tournament with 140½ points while the Bearcats scored 121. Rounding out the team scores were: 3. Central of Iowa 85; 4. Northeast Missouri State 80; 5. Graceland 68; 6. Peru State 46½; 7. William Penn 41½; 8. William Jewell 5½; 9. Park 1½; and 10. Simpson 0.

The Bearcats were paced by 118-pound freshman Mike Colwell, who was the only member of Coach George Worley's squad to win his weight class. Taking seconds were 126-pound Gary Sambursky; 142-pound Bob Kelin; 158-pound Phil Langenfield; 177-pound Glen Zenor; and 190-pound Mark Waters.

The Bearkitten basketball team finished second in the first Ryland Milner Invitational Tournament held Dec. 3-4 in Lamkin Gymnasium.

The team defeated Graceland 77-43 Friday but lost 58-51 to Tarkio in the waning moments of the championship game.

Jane Cooksey, who scored 35 points and grabbed 28 rebounds, and Julie Schmitz were selected to the All-Tournament team. Cooksey also won the MVP award.

The Bearcat basketball team, like their female counterparts, took runner-up honors in the Ryland Milner Invitational Tournament held Dec. 3-4 in Lamkin Gymnasium.

Coach Bob Iglehart's team defeated Graceland 100-71 and lost to Wayne State, who scored their final points with three seconds left in the game, 89-87.

David Alvey was the only member of Iglehart's team to be selected to the All-Tournament team. He was the third leading scorer in the tournament with 41 points. The second-place finish gave the Bearcats a 2-2 record for the season.

## Bearkittens fill month with active schedule

After the completion of the Ryland Milner Tournament, the Bearkittens will begin their regular season play for the month of December.

On Dec. 10, the squad will travel to Kirksville to play their first MAIAW conference game of the season against a building Northeast Missouri State ball club. Northeast has never beaten the 'Kittens in the seven times the teams have met, and last year they fell victims to the 'Kittens 82-62.

The following night, the team will return to Maryville to meet always strong William Penn. The Iowans have put the Kittens down both times the teams have met, including last year's 83-48 and 86-64 margins over the 'Kittens.

After a day of rest the 'Kittens will travel to Lincoln, Nebraska to meet the Lady Huskers of the Big 8. The 'Kittens and the Lady Huskers defeated each other once during last year's season. During the NWMSU Holiday Tournament, the 'Kittens came out on top 65-62, but the Huskers came back to take a 61-60 decision over the 'Kittens at the MAIAW Region VI Tournament.

The NWMSU Holiday Tournament will be held from Jan. 5-7 in Maryville. The tournament will include Southwest Missouri and Missouri-St. Louis from the MAIAW, Kansas and Nebraska from the Big 8 and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. All of these teams are on the 'Kitten schedule.

Last year, the Bearkittens and the Wildkittens, from Wayne State Nebraska, met each other in the Turkey Tournament with the Bearkittens holding on to a 85-82 victory. On Jan. 8, the 'Kittens will travel to Wayne for the first regular season game of the new year.

Three days after the Wayne game the 'Kittens will face Simpson College. This will be the first time the two teams have ever met. The next night Tarkio College will come to town for their sixth try against the 'Kittens. The Tarkio team has only beaten the 'Kittens once, which was a 71-61 whipping of the 'Kittens a year ago.

The remaining games of January will put the 'Kittens against teams of the MAIAW. Missouri-St. Louis will host the 'Kittens Jan. 15. The 'Kittens have had trouble with the St. Louis team in the past few years.

Two days later, the team will travel to Cape Girardeau to meet Southeast Missouri State. This team will be trying to avenge a 117-21 embarrassment by the 'Kittens from a year ago.

The University of St. Louis will also be a team in the building stage when they come to Maryville after last season's 77-46 loss to NWMSU. On Jan. 26, the 'Kittens will travel to Warrensburg to face traditionally tough Central Missouri State. Last year Central and the 'Kittens faced each other in the MAIAW Tournament Championship game in which the 'Kittens earned a 67-66 overtime victory.

Three days after the Warrensburg trip, the 'Kittens face a tough University of Missouri ball club which has already downed the 'Kittens once this year. That was the first time Warrensburg had beaten the 'Kittens in ten outings.

Southwest Missouri State will come to Maryville on the last day of January to end the 'Kittens MAIAW regular season competition. The girls from Springfield have been tough in the past as the 'Kittens have only beaten the Bears three times in eight attempts.

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# So this is justice?

Robert Pore

They cry for his death and the sentence is handed down. The atmosphere that prevails is one of a macabre festival. Depraved minds quickly volunteer for the firing squad. The press screams for front-row seats.

Multitudes of spectators sat in front of their television sets seeking news of the morbid affair. Writers have visions of best selling books and monumental movies. Death becomes an overnight media star with its grotesque spectacle to delight its many fans.

On the day of the execution, America stands engulfed by death's publicly approved vendetta. "We've got to seek a solution to violences and crimes. We have to start executing people," the public cries. Death is ready and willing to fill its role as the final solution.

"We must violate those who violate the sanctity of life," the philosophers state. Death provides the moral justification that society needs.

"Death is the consequence for those who murder and the deterrent for those who consider it," the people say. Death has the mandate of a public which needs to satisfy its outrage.

The victim is ready for execution. Death is ready to fulfill its task. The victim's neck, elbows, wrists, and ankles are strapped to an armchair in front of the prison wall. Behind a burlap screen, five men level .30 caliber rifles at the victim. (One rifle is loaded with a blank cartridge.) A heart-shaped target is placed over the victim's heart. The command to fire is given and four .30 caliber bullets enter the victim's body. Death is given its public sacrifice.

## THE STROLLER

The Stroller is, by his inquisitive nature, both an adamant wanderer and a persevering philosopher. In other words, his keen sense of irresponsibility and his in comparable ability to procrastinate usually get him in to more tangled predicaments than even the great Houdini could wrestle.

Should going to a concert in Kansas City on a Monday night (knowingly forgetting to do Tuesday's assignments) agitate the Stroller's conscience? He thinks not.

After preparing a potent concoction of Dr. Feelgood's Magic Elixir, and indulging in the medicinal beverage with several worthy friends, he hopped in speedy Concertmobile and headed toward the concrete jungle.

Hours later he began entering the mouth of the great polluted beast (the city wasn't all that was polluted). The car suddenly began spurting and coughing as if a golf ball had just been sucked up the carburetor (a familiar and most detested sound to the Stroller). After the Concertmobile died a horrible and agonizing death, came the realization that it was not from lack of love, but from lack of leaded gasoline.

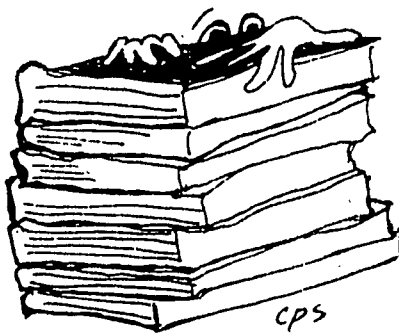
There are three cardinal rules to follow when in Kansas City—(1) Do unto others before they do unto you, (2) The meek shall inherit an auto accident, and (3) Thou shalt not run out of gas. Fortunately, there was an oasis within sight—the home of the flying horse (and expensive gasoline).

Next objective: The concert. Another of the Stroller's endless file of incompetencies includes complete disorientation and absolute confusion in any metropolis larger than Cornfed Junction (population: indifferent). But still he must donate his valuable contributions to all navigational decisions being made, an especially difficult job from his position in the back seat. Through persistence (and the stroke of luck at making a wrong left turn) he found the concert hall.

Hot Tuna, being an all-time favorite group of the Stroller's, would be good no matter how many buffoons with fat heads and uncontrollable emotions obstructed the view. But as fate would have it, the concert was cancelled. "It can't be true," moaned the Stroller. But it was, and one must accept such disappointments as the blessings from which they are transformed. (He suddenly remembered the phone number of a comforting friend who would console his woes—and help him finish the Magic Elixir.)

A stroll through the bright lights of the city finally brought the ex-Concertmobile the door. (The party involved will remain anonymous to protect the innocent.)

After a hazy night riding the waves of the waterbed and dreaming of colorful fireworks, the Stroller awoke to find himself a day late and a dollar short. His friends had deserted him and he realized he must hitchhike one-hundred miles for a class he was already late for. It sounded like such a good idea last night... oh well, c'est la vie! One learns from one's experiences—perhaps again next week.



## Students' final prayer

I SHALL NOT

And, it came to pass,  
Early in the morning toward the last day of the semester,  
There arose a great multitude smiting the books and wailing.  
And there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth,  
For the day of judgement was at hand,  
And they were sore afraid, for they had left undone  
Those things which they ought to have done,  
And they had done those things which they ought not to have done  
And there was no help for it.

And there were many abiding in the dorms  
Who had kept watch over their books by night,  
But it avail them naught.  
But some were who rose peacefully,  
For they had prepared themselves the way  
And made straightpaths of knowledge.  
And these were known  
As wise burners of the midnight oil.  
And to others they were known as "curve raisers".  
And the multitude arose  
And ate a hearty breakfast.

And they came unto the appointed place.  
And their hearts were heavy within them.  
And they had come to pass  
But some to pass out.  
And some of them repented of their riotous living and bemoaned their fate.  
And at the last hour there came among them  
One known as the instructor; and they feared exceedingly.

He was of diabolical smile, and passed among them and went his way.  
And many and varied were the answers that were given—  
(For some of his teachings had fallen among fertile minds,  
While others had fallen flat)—in hopes of pacifying the instructor.  
And these were the ones who had not a prayer.  
And when they were finished, they gathered up their belongings,  
And went their way quietly, each in his own direction,  
And each one vowing to himself in this manner —  
"I shall never pass this way again."

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## CAMPUS FORUM

# Lost: one concert...Return by spring

One of the major functions of the Union Board Concerts, Dances, and Special Events Committee is to sponsor, schedule and provide concert activities at NWMSU. So far this semester, however, dances and special events have been the only accomplishments of this committee. NWMSU has not had a concert since March when Head East and Slink Rand were featured in Lamkin

The retrospective impact of that event has had considerable influence on Administration attitudes toward future concerts, and consequently on the ability of the Concerts Committee to produce desirable concert entertainment for the student body.

As everyone knows, smoking and drinking are not allowed on campus

(which includes Lamkin Gym) and constitutes illegal activity. This has been the prime consideration of the Administration concerning concerts. Thus, at retreat in September, Union Board discussed and finally drew up plans for the minimization of smoking and drinking at future concerts. This plan was then submitted to President Foster and Dean Hayes for Administration approval.

Following approval of the plan in the second week of September, the committee tried to schedule a concert for Homecoming. This proved to be a technical impossibility since concert bookings require several months of advance notice and planning. Bands must be checked out via the process of

elimination, contracts must be agreed upon and signed, and lights and sound must be arranged, in addition to the most difficult task of coordinating a date that is suitable to both parties. Plans for a Homecoming concert were thus abandoned. Since then, three separate concerts have been tentatively scheduled, and all three were cancelled by the artists being contracted. Harry Chapin was the first cancellation (he went on "vacation"). Then Gino Vinelli was scheduled and he cancelled (he didn't really want to come to Maryville). And finally, Wet Willie and Atlanta Rhythm Section were scheduled tentatively for December (but, then Wet Willie disbanded).

Meanwhile, bands, prices, and dates

are all being considered for next semester's proposed concert, with one encouraging factor—a survey has been distributed to get student input on artists that could possibly be contracted. This survey will provide the committee with a more democratic means of deciding who shall play at NWMSU.

Other than filling out the survey form, students are urged to get involved with Union Board. Committee membership is as simple as attending committee meetings, so if you care about the future of concerts at NWMSU, become involved and let your voice be heard. It could be the difference between the life and death of future concerts.

Bill Fuenfhausen

Concerts, Dances, and Special Events

## Iranian students speak out

U.S. interest in Shah invaders in Dhofar—it has become increasingly convenient for the U.S. government to keep secret the devious aspects of its' foreign policy.

Military forces in Vietnam were secretly bombing Laos and Cambodia for years without informing the American people. The experience of the Vietnam war has lead to Nixon's understanding the necessity to devise a new policy of indirect "involvement," thus the goal of the Nixon Doctrine is to create, support and use local corrupt dictators who are reliable in the sense that their power completely depends on U.S. backing and maintenance. Such regional "puppets" are then entrusted with "sharing" the responsibility of keeping U.S. interest alive and growing in that area.

It is in this volatile setting that the Dhofaric province of Oman has been militarily invaded by the regional puppet. The Shah of Iran, on implementation of the Nixon Doctrine on December 20, 1973, three thousand

soldiers from the Shah's U.S. trained and armed troops attacked the liberation forces in Dhofar. These troops, part of Iran's 30,000 man force now stationed in Oman, have begun fighting for U.S. invested interest in the Persian Gulf area, sparing the direct involvement of the U.S. for the time being. People in the region live under the most wretched conditions in the province of Dhofar, a rural society based on sheepherding. The British authorities actively preserved a backward system; they banned schools, telephones, hospitals, factories and the wearing of shoes and trousers. It was illegal for anyone to import medicine or practice medicine in any form. There was no electricity, water supply or sewage system. The best land was owned by the sultan and the aristocracy.

It was these conditions that provided the impetus for the development of an armed struggle movement on the ninth of June, 1965. This struggle has grown in progressive stages, undergoing important developments at the military,

political, strategic and economic levels. This movement was lead by the "People Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arabian Gulf" until 1971. It joined with the "National Democratic Front for the Liberation of Oman and Arabian Gulf" under the name of Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman.

Since the "American Diplomatic" conference was held in Tehran in April, 1973, it has become systematically evident that the U.S. has become involved in implementing its plan to liquidate the just struggle of the PFLGAG, the present attack by the Shah's forces will be the first test of this corrupt dictator's role as policeman of the Persian Gulf.

The development of the Shah as a corrupt U.S. puppet dictator stems back to the (CIA) instigated coup in 1953, when he was placed in power. In 1971 Iran began occupation of the strategic areas in the Gulf and the Arabia Peninsula. It occupied the three islands, and in 1972 it made a secret pact with a sultan, Oboos,

of Oman, promising military protection in exchange for the strategic island, which lies by the entrance of the Persian Gulf.

What is taking place today in the Middle East, and particularly in the Persian Gulf, clearly shows that only part of the lesson of Vietnam has been learned. It taught Nixon the danger of intervening directly in the affairs of other countries.

The other half of the Vietnam lesson—the part that the administration has not learned—is that considering the nature of these puppet regimes, no matter how many arms are sent to them or how well their arms are built, the U.S. may still, at any time, be forced to send ground combat troops and air support to the Gulf. This will mean the draft, higher taxes and Americans will again be sent to fight and die abroad. However; there is every reason to believe that this time the American people will not accept such a solution.

Iranian Student's Association

## Junior found dead

Monte "Brooks" Johnson, a 22-year-old junior transfer student, died in his Dieterich dorm room Dec. 3, of pulmonary congestion.

According to friends, Johnson had walking pneumonia for about a week, and apparently fell asleep from exhaustion, dying when his lungs filled with congestion.

Johnson had worked in Brooklyn, Iowa, for two years before transferring to NWMSU as a business management major. He was buried in Graham Cemetery Dec. 6, following funeral services in Ames, Iowa.

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